

Sri SUBHASH ASTHURE (Minister of State for Major and Medium Irrigation). —

(a) Preliminary survey and report prepared during 1972.

(b) It was proposed to irrigate 8000 acres at a cost of about Rs. 120 lakhs with utilisation of about 1 T. M. C.

(c) The matter is under consideration of Government.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—May I know the reason why this particular project has been delayed?

† **Sri SUBHASH ASTHURE.**—The Diksanga Project was investigated and it was proposed to irrigate 8000 acres at a cost of Rs. 120 crores; but in the meantime, a bigger scheme Bhima, was also investigated. The ayacut area which comes under Diksanga Project comes under the lift irrigation project. Just to avoid overlapping, this project is merged with the Bhima Lift Irrigation Scheme.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—Bhima Project is a big project which will involve 30 crores. In view of the fact that Afzalpur Taluka is a recurring scarcity area, whether the Government will take up this project without waiting for the project which will take some more time to come?

Sri SUBHASH ASTHURE.—We shall consider this suggestion.

Sri BAPU GOWDA.—Whether the Government is contemplating to take up Bhima Project at present?

Sri SUBHASH ASTHURE.—It is at the stage of investigation. After getting the clearance from the Central Government and considering the availability of funds it will be taken up.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—Has it come to the notice of Government that per acre cost of this project is less compared to any other projects in the Cauvery Basin?

Sri SUBHASH ASTHURE.—The proposition of cost per acre of the project is different from project. There are various factors which will be considered on this point, such as quality of soil, lands which come under submersion, if the lands which are going to be submerged are irrigated lands then the cost will be more. As far as this project concerned, if it is compared with other project, it is a cheaper one.

Directorate of Literary and Cultural Affairs

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA (Shimoga).—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state.--

(x) whether Government contemplates starting of a Department of Directorate of Literary and Cultural Affairs with a view to intensifying the Literary and Cultural activities in the State to benefit the younger generation ;

(b) whether there is a proposal in the matter before Government under consideration ?

(a) No.

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Sri A.R.BADARINARAYANA.—For my question you have answered as 'No'. I put it to you Sir that there was a proposal, there has been a proposal; but I do not know whether the proposal has been left out: but I put it to you there is a proposal, will you please have the matter verified?

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY.—There was a proposal and that proposal was ordered to be deferred by the Cabinet.

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—May I know the reason for its deferment ?

Sri M.MALLIKARJUNASWAMY.—As it is there is no such proposal before Government.

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—For what reason it is deferred?

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY.—Due to economy orders and also in view of the financial position of the State, we could not create this Department.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವೆಂಕಟಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯ.—ಈ ಒಂದು ಇಲಾಖೆಯನ್ನು ಹಿಂದೆ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದ ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಹನುಮಂತಯ್ಯನವರು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಮಾಡಿದ್ದರು. ಈಗ ಇದನ್ನು ಮುಚ್ಚಿದ್ದಾರೆ ವತ್ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಮಲ್ಲಿಕಾರ್ಜುನಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಹಿಂದೆ 1963ರಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಇಲಾಖೆಯನ್ನು ಮೈಸೂರು ರಿಸೋರ್ಸಸ್ ಆಂಡ್ ಎಕನಾಮಿ ಎಂದು ಒಂದು ಸಮಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಎ. ಜಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರ ರಾಮರ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೇಮಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದಿತು. ಆ ಸಮಿತಿಯವರ ಶಿಫಾರಸ್ಸು ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಮುಚ್ಚಿರಾಯಿತು.

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—May I ask whether the Government will be pleased to reconsider the question when the financial situation improves?

Sri M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY.—We may reconsider it.

Loans Sanctioned for the Development of CoCoanut Trees and Grape Gardens

804. Sri K. M. DORESAMY NAIDU (Bethamangala)

Will the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of ryots of Bangarapet taluk who have been granted funds by the Government through the Primary Land Development Bank for the Development of Cocoanut trees and grape gardens since the inception of the scheme for development of cocoanut trees and grape gardens (yearwise and acrewise information may be given);